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L. PS (Border Guard) Unit at VALTICE :

- a) Personnel : about 45 men and 4 dogs
/ 30 men and 3 dogs assembled in early morning to receive the daily order ; to this number we have to add about a third of men who were on duty /
- b) Billeting :
 - 1) part of the men/and the headquarters/of the unit are billeted in a villa which lies south-eastward from the railway stop
 - 2) deeper in the wood, south-eastward of the locality, there is a gamekeeper's house which was vacated and serves for billeting of the personnel
 - 3) the rest is billeted in a farm
- c) The section to be guarded : the zone between POUTORNA and BENLEC (about 9 km)
- d) The system of watching the borders :
 - in the daytime the guards mostly stand on the watch-towers or on high trees / the edge of the wood is rather thin /
 - a couple of the border-guard members sit on the watch-tower and maintain contact with PS Hqs by telephone
 - at night the guards are standing near the roads, at stacks and at the edge of the wood
- e) Relief : at noon and between 6 and 8 pm (as far as it was ascertained)
- f) Location of the patrols :
 - in the daytime : the wood south-west of the locality VALTICE , on the outlook tower and at the newly established clearance
 - the wood south-west of VALTICE is surrounded by wires on the south-east side and the south-west part is watched
 - 2 groups of high trees / mostly between the woods - poplars / hide covered and concealed observation posts

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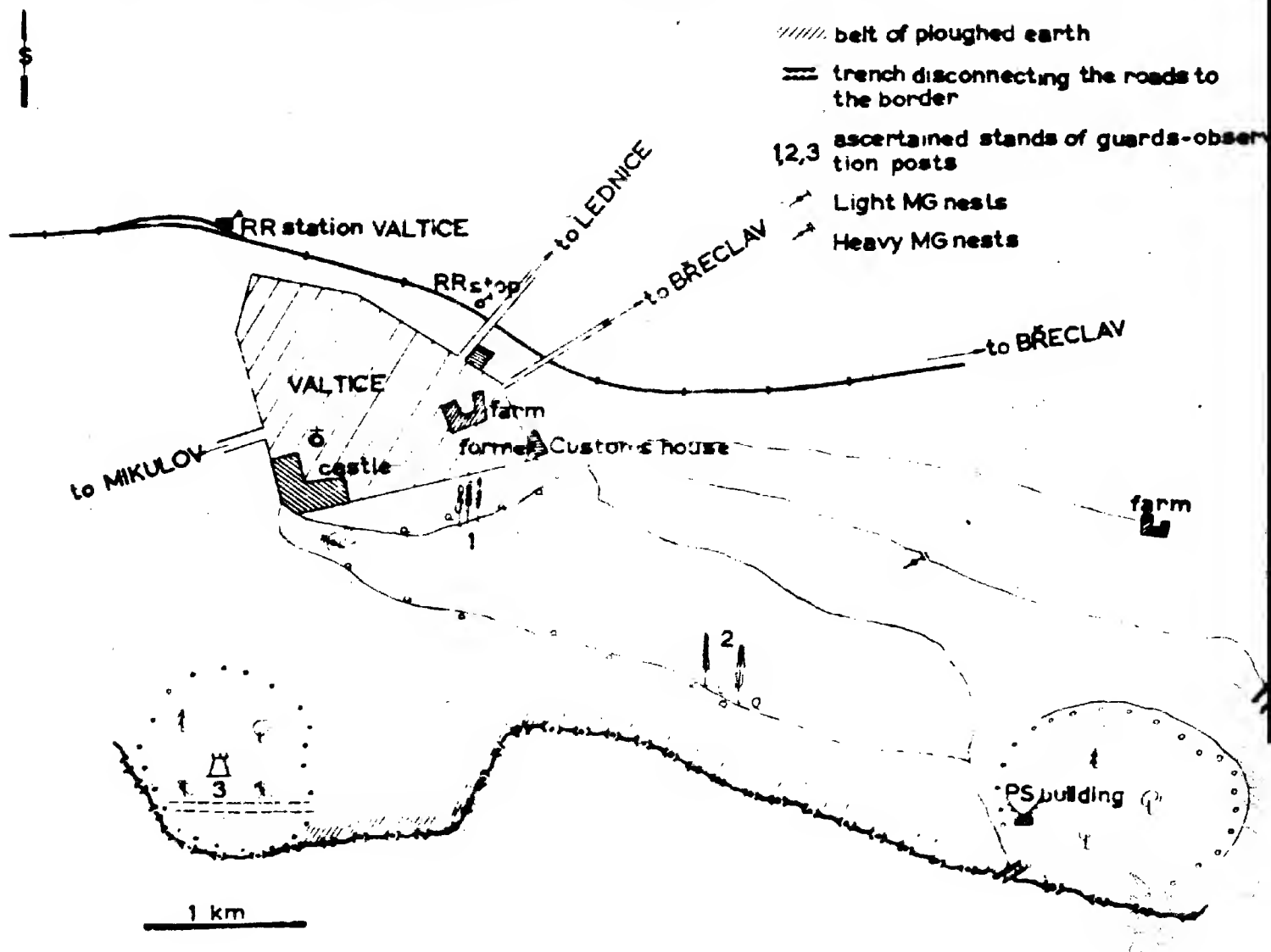
g. A belt running along the borders :

a ploughed and harrowed belt of about 15 - 30 m runs close to the state borders

h. Stretched wires that are usually connected with alarm equipment were not observed in this section. Barbed-wire hindrances, as well, were not yet erected.

- i. Hindrances :**
- 1) From SEDLEC in the direction to MICHULOV wire obstacles were built (the kind of the obstacles was not ascertained)**
 - 2) Wire obstacles were erected on the other side from POSTORNA in the direction to BRZGLAV**
 - 3) In the section of PS Unit VALTICE, i.e. between SEDLEC and POSTORNA no wire obstacles were laid yet.**

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Wire entanglements are being constructed in the area of MIKULOV B 49/S 56. The works began 6 weeks ago and continue toward the east along the border from MIKULOV. On 27 Aug 52 the entanglements reached the point 279 /SW of village SEDLEC/ as marked in the sketch. On 26 and 27 Aug 52 five men in military clothes were working on these continuous wire entanglements. It was not possible to ascertain whether they were PS or army members. During 26 Aug 52 about 15 m of wire entanglements was constructed and again 15 m on the next day.

A plough strip of land, about 10-15m runs towards the border in front of wire entanglements. It follows the border also through places where no entanglements have been constructed. On 26 Aug 52 a group of five soldiers and one driver with a truck /about 5 tons/ worked at wire entanglements in the area located SW of prison "Ka Maslove" /see sketch/. Soldiers /may be PS members/ which was not precisely detected/were loading off boxes from the truck, size 80x40x30cm and burying something into the ground. Because of relatively high grass around entanglements one was unable to determine the kind of their work. Clearly, though, was seen that soldiers were using pickaxes etc. They worked exactly on the edge of entanglements towards the border /outer side of them/.

According to reports of local inhabitants, groups of 15 soldiers worked on extending the entanglements a week prior to the above mentioned observation.

Local PS units use search lights that are rotatable and mounted on elevated places. On 18 Aug 52 were ascertained 2 searchlights in woods area located north of village KATENLEDORF. One NW and the other NE of the said wood area.

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Through the whole 26 and 27 Aug 82 there were no moving patrols to be seen along the border of the said area. According to the information of local inhabitants, PS patrols during the day are either stationary /in bunker, slightly sticking out of ground and well masked or in wooden huts located in trees/or in towers specially erected for this purpose. Only during the night PS patrols move through the terrain when some firing posts are also manned by PS patrol.

All stationary posts of PS patrols are connecting by telephone. The lines goes stretch from them towards inland.

All ascertained stationary posts were manned by two members of PS.

According to observation of local inhabitants soldiers, working on construction of wire entanglements do not cease in their work even in case someone approaches the border from Austrian territory. Soldiers who work on edge of wire entanglements and carry some items into the guard, from bright boxes, immediately cease their work and drive off by car several hundred meters away when they have found that someone is approaching the border from Austria territory.

It is completely out of question that Austrian citizens go to have a look at their farm land behind the border line. According to information of local inhabitants, these conditions got especially worse since the beginning of this year.